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LOCAL RESIDENT WINS BEST PAPER AWARD

DAYTON, Ohio -- Mark D. Durbin, a graduate student at the University of Dayton, received Best Paper Award in the area of combustion at the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics Dayton-Cincinnati section awards banquet.

Durbin presented his paper on the design of a research combustor and the effects of variables, such as air swirls, on combustion stability and engine performance at low fuel requirements during the AIAA mini-symposium held at UD's Kennedy Memorial Union on June 2.

Durbin is working toward his Ph.D. in mechanical engineering with a specialty in combustion. His research is supported by Wright Laboratories, Fuels and Lubrications Division at Wright Patterson Air Force Base. Air Force officials W. M. Roquemore and Charles Frayne monitored his work and professor Dilip R. Ballal of the mechanical and aerospace engineering department was his faculty adviser.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: DURBIN lives in Dayton. He can be reached at (513) 252-8878.